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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BENC, TD

SUBJECT: IDC IRON AND STEEL PROJECT

REF: STATE 164556, PORT OF SPAIN 1587

1. MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ERROL MAHABIR HAS PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED THAT IRON AND STEEL COMPANY OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO (ISCOTT) HAS CHOSEN MIDREX PROCESS AND SAID THAT ISCOTT CHAIRMAN DR. KEN JULIEN WENT TO GERMANY FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH KORF. MAHABIR ALSO SAID THAT THE SCOPE OF THE STEEL MILL IS BEING REASSESSED, IN LIGHT OF PRESENT AND PROJECTED WORLD STEEL SUPPLY SITUATION.

2. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM AN ISCOTT SOURCE THAT CAPACITY OF STEEL PROJECT IS LIKELY TO BE REDUCED, BUT THAT RE-ROLLING MILL TO BE BUILT IN TRINIDAD IS NOW DEFINITELY INCLUDED IN PLANS. SAME SOURCE SAID THAT ISCOTT IS CONSULTING VERY CLOSELY WITH KORF REGARDING ENGINEERING OF PROJECT, AND THAT AN ISCOTT TEAM JUST VISITED MIDREX PLANT IN BEAUMONT, TEXAS.

3. WE UNDERSTAND THAT DECISION ON PROJECT MANAGER CONTRACT WILL NOT BE TAKEN UNTIL AFTER CABINET CONSIDERATION  
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OF PROPOSED REDUCTION IN CAPACITY. IT APPEARS THAT

KORF/MIDREX OFFICIALS WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE  
ON PROJECT MANAGER DECISION, AND IF U.S. BIDDERS HAVE HAD  
PREVIOUS SATISFACTORY EXPERIENCE WITH MIDREX, THIS SHOULD  
BE TO THEIR ADVANTAGE.  
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